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Cc: R8 Documentation Unit Leader[R08_Documentation_Unit_Leader@epa.gov]
From: Hestmark, Martin
Sent: Tue 8/18/2015 10:36:52 PM
Subject: RE: Questions regarding Upper Animas

No. It sounds like I just had the wrong Documentation email address.

From: Christenson, Dave
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 3:06 PM
To: Hestmark, Martin
Cc: R8 Environmental Unit Leader
Subject: RE: Questions regarding Upper Animas

The reason I called was to ask what your expectation was from me regarding this message. I actually was with Kirsten Brown sampling the Upper Animas area the day of the mine blowout. I have not seen or heard from her since, but no particular reason I should have. I was unable to reach Cynthia Peterson to discuss this. You probably know she is back in Denver. kAnyway, is there something you wanted me to do with this message?

From: Hestmark, Martin
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:59 AM
To: Peterson, Cynthia
Cc: Way, Steven; Ostrander, David; Faulk, Libby; R8 Documentation Unit Leader_SG
Subject: RE: Questions regarding Upper Animas

Cynthia – did you get a response from Kirstin?

From: Peterson, Cynthia
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:13 AM
To: Kirstin.Brown@state.co.us
Cc: Way, Steven; Hestmark, Martin; Ostrander, David; Faulk, Libby
Subject: Questions regarding Upper Animas

Hi, Kirsten.

As I mentioned in our phone conversation, we are seeing a growing need for general messages on, 1—next steps for addressing Upper Animas mining concerns, and, 2. what we know and don't know about water and the connections among the mines in the area --Gold King, Sunnyside, Red and Bonita, etc.

What we need is a couple paragraphs that speak in general terms about the status and limits of our knowledge, and what we will look to do next, in terms of both assessing/securing the mine(s) and next steps w/ our partners. I want to do this with your input so our messages are consistent with the state's.

In addition, below are the specific questions we are trying to address today about the Sunnyside Mine.

--is EPA aware of water buildup inside the Sunnyside Mine?

--is there any estimate for the volume of water inside Sunnyside?

--does the agency have any concerns about a potential spill from Sunnyside?

--were the actions taken at Sunnyside responsible for water that was coming out of Gold King Mine?

--has the EPA seen recent increase in water discharges from the Black Hawk mine, and is that in any way tied to the events at Sunnyside?

Any information you can share about both the general questions, and the Sunnyside Mine-specific questions would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

Cynthia

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